

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print control method of combining stored print jobs, comprising the step of:

determining a combine method of designated pages;

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successively laying out a last page of a leading job and a first page of a trailing job when "Same side on" is designated as the combine method, laying out the first page of the trailing job on a surface next to a surface on which the last page of the leading job is laid out when "Other side on" is designated as the combine method, and laying out the first page of the trailing job on a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading job is laid out when "new sheet" is designated as the combine method.

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2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of displaying an input window used to designate the combine method.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein when a one-sided print process is designated, the surface next to the surface on which the last page of the leading job is laid out is a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading job is laid out.

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4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of making display means display a

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preview image of the job in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of making a print engine print the
5 job in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising a storing step of storing print data in units of print jobs.

10 7. A print control apparatus for combining stored print jobs, comprising:

a determination unit, arranged to determine a combine method of designated pages; and

an editor, arranged to successively lay out a
15 last page of a leading job and a first page of a trailing job when "Same side on" is designated as the combine method, laying out the first page of the trailing job on a surface next to a surface on which the last page of the leading job is laid out when
20 "Other side on" is designated as the combine method, and laying out the first page of the trailing job on a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading job is laid out when "new sheet" is designated as the combine method.

8. The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a display that displays an input window used to designate the combine method.

9. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein when
5 a one-sided print process is designated, the surface next to the surface on which the last page of the leading job is laid out is a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading job is laid out.

10. The apparatus according to claim 7, further
10 comprising a previewer, arranged to make said display unit display a preview image of the job in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

11. The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a printer driver for making a print engine
15 print the job in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

12. The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a storage for storing print data in units of print jobs.

20 13. A computer readable storage medium that stores a computer program for combining stored print jobs, said program including:

a program code for determining a combine method of designated pages; and

25 a program code for successively laying out a last page of a leading job and a first page of a trailing

job when "Same side on" is designated as the combine method, laying out the first page of the trailing job on a surface next to a surface on which the last page of the leading job is laid out when "Other side on" is designated as the combine method, and laying out the first page of the trailing job on a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading job is laid out when "new sheet" is designated as the combine method.

10 14. The medium according to claim 13, wherein said computer program further includes a program code for displaying an input window used to designate the combine method.

15 15. The medium according to claim 13, wherein when a one-sided print process is designated, the surface next to the surface on which the last page of the leading job is laid out is a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading job is laid out.

20 16. The medium according to claim 13, wherein said computer program further includes a program code for making display means display a preview image of the job in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

25 17. The medium according to claim 13, wherein said computer program further includes a program code for

making a print engine print the job in a layout
corresponding to the designated combine method.

18. The medium according to claim 13, wherein said
computer program further includes a program code for
5 storing print data in units of print jobs.